(c) the details of steps proposed by AAI in withdrawing from all the interim improvement contemplated;

(d) whether it is also a fact that there will be reduced AAI presence at all domestic terminals; and

(e) the details of such decisions taken recently by the AAI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (e) No, Sir. However, Operation, Management and Development of Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi and Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport Mumbai have been handed over to Joint Venture Companies namely Delhi International Airport Private Limited and Mumbai International Airport Private Limited respectively to modernise and upgrade the facilities at both airports with effect from 03.05.2006.

Upgradation of Dabolin airport

3970. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of flights both national and international which land at Dabolin airport;

(b) the total number of passengers who arrive in Goa, daily both by domestic and international flights, season-wise;

(c) the facilities which Dabolin airport is lacking in to make it an average international airport; and

(d) the plans proposed by Government for the upgradation of Dabolin airport and the cost involved thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Total 15655 international and domestic flights have been operated during 2005-06 at Dabolin airport.

(b) The passengers handled per day during peak season (November to February) varies from 1153 to 1241 for international sector and 978 to 2428 for domestic sector and during lean season (May to September) passengers handled per day is as low as 41 for international and 1141 for domestic sector.

(c) The various have been provided at (Dabolin) Goa airport for international operations within the existing terminal building. To improve the facilities and augment the additional spaces for international operations, there is a plan for new international terminal building and additional parking stands.

(d) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has already initiated action for acquiring additional land from Indian Navy and State Government for expansion of apron and expansion of international terminal building complex. The cost of the works is subject to finalization of technical designs etc.

Information on delay in departure of Aircrafts

3971. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of state of affairs at domestic airports in particularly the departure terminal at New Delhi and Mumbai;

(b) what adequate space and gates for departures has been kept; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether delay in the departure is not intimated to those who have mentioned their Phone numbers, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Operation, Management and Development of IGI Airport, Delhi and CSI Airport, Mumbai have been handed over to Joint Venture Companies namely Delhi International Airport Private Limited and Mumbai International Airport Private Limited respectively to modernise and upgrade the facilities at both airports with effect from 03.05.2006.

(c) Airlines inform their passengers about delay/cancellation of flights etc.

Merger of two private Air carrier operators

3972. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent merger of two private air carrier operators together controlling about 50 percent of the air travel industry market will alter the industry dynamics and lead to cartelisation;